

National Pregnancy Center Week, highlighting the vital role that pregnancy resource centers play in helping mothers and families.

As a result of their work, young lives will be given the opportunity to live, grow up, and work in our great Nation.

Despite there being over three times as many pregnancy resource centers as abortion centers in the United States, sadly, most Americans are more familiar with the anti-life groups like Planned Parenthood because my colleagues on the other side of the aisle stumble over each other to throw taxpayer money in their direction.

Without pregnancy resource centers, millions more babies would be murdered by the scourge of radical anti-life groups under the guise of family planning.

To all those who selflessly serve in pregnancy resource centers, I thank you for your lifesaving work.

Mr. Speaker, no more fundamental right than the right to life exists in our country and in our world today, and there is no more fundamental responsibility of government than the responsibility to defend the most vulnerable among us, and that includes innocent, precious life in the womb.

Everyone knows abortion is wrong. The clear science shows us that it is the taking of innocent life in the womb. The only question is what priority we will give that unborn, precious life in the womb.

Thankfully, our country has an admirable history of correcting civil and social injustice. The glaring exception is the ultimate injustice of abortion.

I pray that we will soon correct this injustice, and I believe that history will rightly condemn those who stood on the wrong side on this issue. I pray that we will correct the injustice of abortion, which has tragically taken the lives of some 70 million unborn children.

HONORING DONALD KEITH STRICKLAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOONEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Sergeant First Class Donald Keith Strickland, who recently passed away. Donald's favorite quote was: "My proudest accomplishment was defending our great Nation."

Sergeant First Class Donald Keith Strickland was born on May 31, 1934, to George and Ruth Strickland in Richmond, Indiana. The Stricklands moved out to California for a better life, as many did back in those days.

Young Donald grew up in the San Fernando Valley and had many different jobs, from working at his family's grocery store to doing a paper route on his horse called Star Baby.

While attending high school, Donald had a call to duty and joined the Navy

on his 17th birthday. Donald's father had to sign papers in order to release him to enlist for the Korean war. While in Korea, he served on the famed aircraft carriers USS *Yorktown* and USS *Hornet*. After the Korean war and 3 years in the Navy, Donald decided to join the Army, where he spent the next 18 years of his life.

Donald did his basic training at Fort Bragg. During Donald's first jump after training, his parachute did not open until he almost hit the ground. As he tells the story: "I was the last one out of the plane and the first one down."

During Donald's time in the Army, he was stationed in West Germany, where he met the love of his life, Antonie, and they have been married for over 60 years.

Donald was sent off to the Vietnam war, where he served two tours of duty and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action during the Tet Offensive. Donald rose to the rank of sergeant first class.

After getting injured in the war, Donald became a drill sergeant at Fort Ord Army Base in Monterey, California. As his kids tell their friends, imagine having a drill sergeant for a dad.

In reminiscing with his children, Donald was always proud to be called a soldier for America. Donald considered the United States of America the greatest country in the world.

In 1973, Donald retired from the armed services and relocated to Simi Valley, California, where he worked for the police department.

Donald loved working with his hands and could fix anything. Donald never had a negative comment about anyone, and any person who knew him loved him for his hard work and his smile. Donald's commitment was resounding, as he did not retire until the age of 75.

Donald is survived by his wife, Antonie; his children, Gabriele, Rene, and Anthony; his grandchildren, Jacob, Samantha, Natasha, Alexandra, Ruby, and Anthony; and his great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Kayla, Sophia, and Bryce.

Donald had been a resident of Ventura County since 1973 and resided in Camarillo since 2000 with his wife for the remainder of his life.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a tribute to Donald Strickland.

SFC DONALD KEITH STRICKLAND

May 31, 1934–April 29, 2021 (age 86)

TRIBUTE

"My proudest accomplishment was defending our great nation."—Donald K. Strickland

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While attending San Fernando Valley High School, Donald had a call to duty and joined the Navy on his 17th Birthday. His father

had to sign papers in order to release him to enlist for the Korean War. While in Korea, Donald served on the famed aircraft carriers USS *Yorktown* and USS *Hornet*. After the Korean War and three years in the Navy, Donald decided to join the Army of which he spent the next 18 years of his life.

Donald did his basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and joined the legendary 82nd Airborne. During his first jump after training, Donald's parachute did not open until he almost hit ground. As he tells the story, "I was the last one out of the plane and the first one down." Not discouraged, his commanding officer sent him right back up with no hesitation on Donald's part. He loved jumping out of airplanes.

During his time in the Army, Donald was stationed in West Germany where he met the love of his life, Antonie, and have been married over 60 years. Donald was then sent off to the Vietnam War where he served two tours of duty and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action during the Tet Offensive. Donald rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class as a non-commissioned officer and received many medals and awards.

After getting injured in the war, Donald became a drill sergeant at Fort Ord Army Base in Monterey, California. As his kids tell their friends, imagine having a drill sergeant for a dad. In reminiscing with his children; he always was proud to be called a soldier. He considered the United States of America the greatest country in the world.

In 1973, Donald retired from the armed services and relocated to Simi Valley, California. He briefly worked for the Simi Valley Police department and later went on to be facilities manager for a number of Convalescent and Hospital locations throughout Ventura County. He loved working with his hands and could fix anything. He never had a negative comment about anyone and any person who knew him loved him for his hard work and smile. His commitment was resounding as he did not retire until the age of 75.

He is survived by his wife, Antonie; his children, Gabriele, Rene and Anthony; his grandchildren, Jacob, Samantha, Natasha, Alexandra, Ruby and Anthony; and his great grandchildren, Wyatt, Kayla, Sophia and Bryce.

Donald has been a resident of Ventura County since 1973 and resided in Camarillo since 2000 with his wife for the remainder of his life.

A Funeral Service was held on Sat, May 8, 2021 at 11:00 am at the Chapel of the Hills at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park: 2052 Howard Rd, Camarillo, California 93012, with interment to follow, also at Conejo Mountain.

THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG

Verse:

March along, sing our song, with the Army
of the free
Count the brave, count the true, who have
fought to victory

We're the Army and proud of our name
We're the Army and proudly proclaim

Chorus:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain:

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Verse:

Valley Forge, Custer's ranks,

San Juan Hill and Patton's tanks,
And the Army went rolling along
Minutemen, from the start,
Always fighting from the heart,
And the Army keeps rolling along.

(Refrain)

Verse:

Men in rags, men who froze,
Still that Army met its foes,
And the Army went rolling along.
Faith in God, then we're right,
And we'll fight with all our might,
As the Army keeps rolling along.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, You have searched us and known us. You know when we sit down and when we rise up. You are aware of every action we take, when we pause from our labors, and when we get up again to tackle the day.

Even with this knowledge of our innermost being, O God, You deign to show us Your mercy. In Your ever-loving care, You continue to guide our paths. You keep us safe from harm from within and without.

Such knowledge, O God, is too wonderful for us to comprehend. In Your mercy, cause us to pause and reflect on the intimate relationship You have established with us. May we give thought to the words yet on our tongues, to the plans we organize, and to the decisions we contemplate, that all that we would say or do would reflect Your infinite love.

Search us again and again. Know our hearts. Test us and reveal our thoughts. If there is any wickedness in us, lead us, instead, to Your redeeming and everlasting way.

Aware of Your abiding presence, we pray that nothing we do this day would give shame to You.

It is in the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ROSS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROSS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 12, 2021, at 9:50 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 15.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ELECTING CERTAIN MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 384

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Horsford.

COMMITTEE ON RULES: Mr. Neguse.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Carter of Louisiana, to rank immediately after Ms. Bourdeaux.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Carter of Louisiana.

Mr. JEFFRIES (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PANDEMIC WORSENEDED ECONOMIC ISSUES

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, in March, the House passed and President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan. This bill expanded the child tax credit in an unprecedented way. Experts predict that this expansion will cut childhood poverty in this country by one half.

Thanks to the efforts of the American Rescue Plan and the Biden administration's rollout of the vaccine, we are finally starting to see light at the end of the tunnel for this pandemic. But vaccines alone will not be enough to end the economic crisis caused by this virus.

This pandemic exposed and worsened longstanding economic issues in our society, wages that are too low, childcare that is inaccessible, and a lack of paid leave to allow workers the ability to properly care for themselves and their families.

Policies like the expanded child tax credit are essential to our economic recovery to help working parents, especially mothers, reenter the workforce knowing their children are safe and cared for.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Police Week and formally honor our men and women who have answered the notable call to serve in the law enforcement profession.

Every day, police officers patrol our streets, answer emergency calls, put away criminals, and sacrifice their own safety in order to protect members of their community. Law enforcement officers are our communities' most essential line of defense against those who seek violence or criminal activity.

This week is also an important time to pause and pay our respects to the police officers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty. May their sacrifice not be in vain and their memory be a blessing.

May we continue to recognize the heroic efforts of all members in the police community and do all that we can to show our appreciation for their sacrifices.

I will always stand with our men and women in blue, and may God continue to keep them safe as they work tirelessly and with an unwavering commitment to put service above self.

In God we trust.

RECOGNIZING WILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Ms. ROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)